of mercury from the factory is within the prescribed limit.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Prosecutions have been launched against the erring factories.

International Peace Park on Indo-China Border

455. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an international peace park over both sides of the Indo-China border to protect the endangered wild-life species of the Himalayas;

(b) if so, by when the proposed peace park is likely to be set up;

(c) whether Government propose to set up similar peace park in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) There was a proposal to set up an International peace Parks on both sides of the Indo-China Border The proposal has not found feasible.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Change of Security System in Tihar Jail in Delhi

456. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to change the entire security system in the Tihar Jail in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to change the security system in other prisons of the country also; and

(d) if so, what are the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Certain steps, such as, deployment of additional forces, regulation of vehicular and visitors flow, improvement in the communication network, provision of flood-lights, round the clock manning of the watch towers etc. have already been taken to strengthen the existing security system of the Tihar Jail in Delhi.

(c) and (d) 'Prisons' being a State subject, it is for the State Government to make any change in the security system. However, the Central Government have issued guide-lines in November 1986 requesting the State Govt./U.T. Administrations to review and strengthen security arrangements in Jails.

Supply of Sophisticated Weapons to Pakistan by USA

457. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee has recommended that sophisticated weapons like AWACS should not be provided to Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said Committee has recommended

for a cut in the supply of other arms to Pakistan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (d) Recommendations have been made recently in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) that no sales of any weapons system more sophisticated, of with a signiffcantly greater capability than those currently possessed by Pakistan, would be given to that country and no sale of military equipment or technology significantly more sophisticated than that currently possessed by Pakistan shall be made available to it unless the US President certified in writing to the Congress that Pakistan has provided reliable assurances that it will not produce weasons grade nuclear material and that according to verifiable information available to the USA, is not producing any weapons grade material. Prior to making the above mentioned certification, the US President would have to give a classified assessment of Pakistan's nuclear programme to the ongress. Theses are initial recommendations made in the SFRC.

Changes in the Board of Directors of NTC

458. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the composition of Board of Directors of the National Textile Corporation Limited, New Delhi has undergone certain changes recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an IAS officer has been inducted into the Board of Directors; and

(d) if so, what are the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Three Funcional Directors of NTC (Holding Co.) have recently completed their tenures. Besides, a new Chairman-cum-Managing Director has joined.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Shri Ajit Singh, IAS (AP:56) has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of National Textile Corporation (Holding Company), New Delhi.

New policy on Garments Exports

459. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, of late, been considering a new policy on garment exports; if so, what are the major draw-backs in the present garment export policy; and

(b) how these draw-backs are sought to be removed under the new policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Export Entitlement Distribution Policy for Garments is being announced every year. The current Policy was announced in October, 1986 and is working satisfactorily with increased exports. Further rationalisation of the Policy, if necessary, would be considered at the time of formulating the Policy for the next year.

Bonded Labourers in Sugar Mills of Gujarat

460. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than a lakh persons are being kept as bonded labourers